

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

MUHAMMED TILLISY,

Petitioner,

v.

WILLIAM BARR,

Respondent.

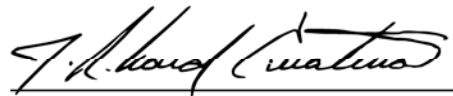
CASE NO. 3:20-cv-05300-RBL-JRC
ORDER REASSIGNING CASE TO
SEATTLE DIVISION

Petitioner Muhammed Tillisy is a Washington State prisoner who is currently confined by the Washington State Department of Corrections. *See* Dkt. 5, at 5. He filed this case under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, alleging challenges to the federal detainer resulting from his sentences imposed by U.S. District Court judges Robert Lasnik and Marsha Pechman. *See* Dkt. 194, *United States v. Tillisy*, 2:13-cr-310-RSL-001; Dkt. 70, *United States v. Tillisy*, 2:09-cr-00156-MJP. He states that his federal sentences are set to run consecutively to his state court sentence and he seeks to have his federal sentences “temporarily lifted or stayed and [the] federal detainer removed.” Dkt. 5, at 5.

1 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), “[f]or the convenience of parties and witnesses, in the
2 interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other . . . division where it
3 might have been brought[.]” Because petitioner’s claims arise out of sentences imposed by the
4 Seattle Division of this Court, this action is properly adjudicated by the Seattle Division of the
5 United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. *See* Local Civil Rule
6 3(e)(1).

7 Accordingly, this case is hereby transferred to the United States District Court for the
8 Western District of Washington, Seattle Division. The Clerk is directed to transfer this case to
9 Seattle for a judge assignment, consistent with the Local Rules and the common practice.¹

10 Dated this 4th day of May, 2020.

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14 J. Richard Creatura
15 United States Magistrate Judge
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23 ¹ An order transferring venue pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) does not address the merits of the
24 case; therefore, it is a non-dispositive matter that is within the province of a magistrate judge’s
authority under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). *See Pavao v. Unifund CCR Partners*, 934 F.Supp.2d
1238, 1241 n. 1 (2013).